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SUBJECT: SWAPO'S CONCERN ABOUT SA ASSISTANCE TO TURNHALLE

REF: USUN 2531

1. DURING TALKS AND AT INFORMAL GATHERINGS WITH US, SWAPO HAS
SPOKEN BITTERLY ABOUT THE HELP THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS
GIVING TURNHALLE WITH MONEY, VEHICLES, OTHER MATERIAL
ASSISTANCE, AND PUBLICITY BY MEANS OF GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED
RADIO. (EMBASSY PRETORIA HAS CITED REPORTS WHICH CORROBORATE
WHAT SWAPO HAS TOLD THE CONTRACT GROUP).

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2. SWAPO ALSO VOICES STRONG CONCERN ABOUT FORMATION AND
TRAINING BY SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY OF INDIGENOUS ARMIES FOR
VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS IN NAMIBIA. THEY STATE THAT THESE
DEVELOPMENTS ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS
CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

3. SWAPO CLEARLY WANTS THE FIVE GOVERNMENT TO PROTEST TO SAG. CONTACT GROUP INDICATED THAT THEY INTENDED TO PURSUE THE MATTER.

4. COMMENT: SAG LIKELY TO DENY IT GIVING TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES ANYTHING BEYOND THE EMOLUMENTS THEY NORMALLY RECEIVE AS LEADERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GOVERNING BODIES. SAG ALSO COULD COUNTER THAT SWAPO IS GETTING SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UN. CLEARLY, THOUGH, THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE MANEUVERING TO GIVE TURNHALLE AS MUCH ADVANTAGE AS POSSIBLE FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGN OR, IF WESTERN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FAILS, A STRONGER POPULAR BASE ON WHICH TO ESTABLISH A TURNHALLE-DOMINATED "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT." MOREOVER, CREATION OF SEPARATE FORCES FOR ETHNIC GROUPS HAS SERIOUS PORTENTS FOR FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY AND CASTS ADDITIONAL DOUBT ABOUT SAG'S INTENTIONS.

5. FRENCH PERM REP TOLD CONTACT GROUP THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH HIS AMERICAN, BRITISH, GERMAN AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF SAG ASSISTANCE TO TURNHALLE.

6. THE CONTACT GROUP HAS AGREED THAT AMBASSADORS IN PRETORIA SHOULD DISCUSS THIS AND RECOMMEND FOLLOW-UP. GROUP ALSO HAS AGREED THAT THE SECRETARY AND DR. OWEN CAN SPEAK FOR THE FIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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WHEN THEY TALK WITH BOTHA IN LONDON.

7. USUN AND DEPARTMENT SUGGEST THAT IF AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES DURING THEIR TALKS WITH BOTHA, THE SECRETARY AND OWEN MAY WISH TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO TURNHALLE AND THE FORMATION OF ARMIES FOR DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS (MCHENRY AND PATTERSON CAN PROVIDE BACKGROUND FOR SECRETARY IN LONDON). MOREOVER, AMBASSADORS IN PRETORIA COULD DISCUSS THESE MATTERS AND PROVIDE THE CONTACT GROUP WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE.
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